AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original): A surface acoustic wave filter device having substantially equal input and output impedances, the filter device comprising:

an unbalanced signal terminal;

first and second balanced signal terminals;

2^{n-1} first surface acoustic wave filters connected between the unbalanced signal terminal and the first balanced signal terminal, where n is an integer equal to or greater than 1; and

2^{n-1} second surface acoustic wave filters connected between the unbalanced signal terminal and the second balanced signal terminal;

wherein one of the input and output impedances of each of the first and second filters is approximately four times the other impedance; and

the second surface acoustic wave filters are 180 degrees out-of-phase with respect to the first surface acoustic wave filters.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second surface acoustic wave filters has a plurality of interdigital transducers arranged in a direction in which a surface acoustic wave propagates and at least one of the interdigital transducers is halved in an electrode-finger interdigitating widthwise direction to define first and second interdigital transducer sections, which are connected in series with each other.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave filter device according

to Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second surface acoustic wave filters has ~~a structure in which a preliminary surface acoustic wave filter having substantially equal input impedance and output impedance is arranged in such a manner that at least one interdigital transducer that is halved in an electrode-finger interdigitating widthwise direction to define~~ first and second interdigital transducer sections.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 3~~1~~, wherein each of the ~~preliminary~~ first and second surface acoustic wave filters is a longitudinally-coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filter.

Claim 5 (original): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 4, wherein the longitudinally-coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filter has three interdigital transducers arranged in a surface acoustic wave propagating direction and a central interdigital transducer or interdigital transducers at both sides are halved in the electrode-finger interdigitating widthwise direction to define the first and second interdigital transducer sections.

Claim 6 (original): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second surface acoustic wave filters has a plurality of interdigital transducers and at least one of the plurality of interdigital transducers is halved in a surface acoustic wave propagating direction to define first and second interdigital transducer sections.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave filter device according

to Claim 6, wherein each of the first and second surface acoustic wave filters has ~~the structure in which a preliminary surface acoustic wave filter having substantially equal input impedance and output impedance is arranged such that~~ at least one interdigital transducer that is halved in a surface acoustic wave propagating direction.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 7, wherein each of the ~~preliminary~~ first and second surface acoustic wave filters is a longitudinally-coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filter.

Claim 9 (original): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 8, wherein the longitudinally-coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filter has three interdigital transducers and an interdigital transducer positioned at the center is halved in the surface acoustic wave propagating direction.

Claim 10 (original): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 2, wherein one of the first interdigital transducer section and the second interdigital transducer section is connected to a ground potential.

Claim 11 (original): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second surface acoustic wave filters includes interdigital transducers and has a structure in which a surface acoustic wave filter having a plurality of interdigital transducers is constructed such that at least two of the interdigital transducers are connected in series.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 11, wherein each of the first and second surface acoustic wave filters has a ~~structure in which a preliminary surface acoustic wave filter having substantially equal input impedance and output impedance is arranged such that~~ at least two of the

interdigital transducers ~~are~~ connected in series.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 12, wherein each of the ~~preliminary~~ first and second surface acoustic wave filters is a longitudinally-coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filter.

Claim 14 (original): The surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 13, wherein the longitudinally-coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filter has three interdigital transducers and the interdigital transducers arranged at both sides in a surface acoustic wave propagating direction are connected in series.

Claim 15 (original): A communication apparatus comprising at least one surface acoustic wave filter device according to Claim 1.

Claim 16 (original): A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the at least one surface acoustic wave filter is a band pass filter.